

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. These claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraph, as lacking enabling  
5 disclosure and being indefinite.

Applicants have previously filed Amendment B addressing the Examiner's concerns. The filing of these amendments in the present Amendment C address additional clarifications to the claim language.

The term "asynchronous" has been removed as an adjective of the "output  
10 signal" in claims 1, 4 and 6. Claim 5 has been amended to remove the limitation "after synchronization", and claim 7 has been amended to clarify a relationship to a next asynchronous event.

Applicant asserts that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments and that they find support in the originally filed Specification.

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**CONCLUSION**

Inasmuch as each of the objections have been overcome by the amendments, and all of the Examiner's suggestions and requirements have been satisfied, it is respectfully requested that the present application be  
5 reconsidered, the rejections be withdrawn and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Since this is a supplemental amendment, Applicants believe that no additional fee is due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct any fees due from deposit account no. 50-1519.

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